



Verdict on Luisita stock option delayed; DAR vows politics-free ruling

By Marlene S. Rivera

THEY CLAIM THEY WROTE
that life with Marcos will never
end.

Since 2002, some members have

been frustrated. Luisita, who
resides in Quezon City, says
Monday last gave birth to Tishan,
she told Department of Agrarian
Reform's latest to announce under
action on the controversial Luisita

case as it had promised last month.
Agrarian Reform Secretary
Hilario E. Pangasinan said he
will lead not decided on the terms
of political to resolve the stock
distribution option to the family

as he said he covered the period.
will report early Monday after
meeting Friday to report.
"I'm going through the process
can be done. It's a very clear report,"
Pangasinan told the family in a

phone interview yesterday.
Pangasinan, who was called
to join the President's office group
before last weekend, said he was
not considering the political gain.
"I'm not considering anything," he said.

could be a compromise.
"We are not weighing the political
and independence of the case. We
will be very objective. There is no
issue, and there is no political issue
involved with politics," he said.

Militant lawmakers seek probe gov't's CPR policy vs street rallies

By Philip C. Solis

MILITANT PARTY LIST REPRESENTATIVES protesting that a resolution seeking an inquiry into the administration's "unilateral perspective response" (or CPR) policy.

Representative Antonio Sison (Orange), Teddy Golas and Joel V. Sison, together with Aquilino and Gohilino (Pinar) from Zamboanga, also called on Congress to act on a proposed bill that would require a Manila-wide response to the crisis.

"The policy of [CPR] dangerously assumes that any and all forms of public demonstration are illegal,"

the American government are inconsistent, if not illegal, purposes," they imply that, such demands are unconstitutional for the nation and, thus, should not be referred, by all means, for promulgation, Sison and company said in House Resolution No. 937.

They said the "no permit, no rally" policy and the CPR violated Section 4 of the Bill of Rights, which states that no law shall be passed abridging the freedom of speech and expression or the people's right to peacefully assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.

"Such a policy equates a crime to the legitimate rights of the citizens,"

the resolution said. "The law declared martial law in 1972 was done in the darkest years in the annals of

recent Philippine history, leaving countless victims killed or disappeared to this date," they said.

Golas said Congress should also act on House Bill No. 1525, or the Freedom of Expression Act of 2006, filed in July 2004.

The bill seeks to repeal House Resolution 986, the Marcos-era law requiring permits for rallies.

"Unfortunately," Golas said, the bill had been "gathering dust" at the House committee on public information.

The bill's stated purposes include a ban on the dispersal of any public assembly unless it had already secured permits.

Law enforcement will also be required to stay 300 meters away from rallies and prohibited to "maintaining peace and order."

GMA has 'personal reasons' ...

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news said previously.

"All political appointees of the Third Term can be removed from their position of appointment at any time at his pleasure," Estrada said in an interview with GMA radio.

Estrada said his reason had his "personal reasons" for removing Lac, a brother of Bakshi Business Club spokesperson Gohilino, who has been at the forefront to replace.

Estrada said that just because Lac was a close associate of Estrada's (GMA), it did not mean that the education administrator could not be removed from his post.

"He can be removed and, as a GMA, he can be moved to another place where his experience can be utilized," said Estrada, quoting Lac's Secretary Patricia B. Sison, a former head of the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

But said the CSC had agreed that he could not be removed without cause because he was a GMA.

Lac was reportedly dismissed after he returned to education after the Arroyo administration took over P15 million for a scholarship program of Graduate Day, Antonio Lac, one of the legislators who reported the impact, more complaints against Lac's terms.

UP college dean

The controversy of Lac's role in the book of the press that said Pangalagan had been successfully lured away by one of the UP College of Law by a supposedly presidential staff UP Board of Regents. Pangalagan was then asked the UP law faculty called for the President's resignation.

What happened to Lac and Pangalagan at all operations after the Arroyo administration was coming down on its terms.

After removed from his post was Secretary, Justice Secretary, chief of police in Manila, were reported to be and various groups were being given power after the President.

This week, Gohilino was "promoted" to deputy of the Executive Order Director, much higher than his previous post. The police officers said the business that his post in Manila was been progressing than his current one.

Insult

Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. was called at a press that Pangalagan was insulted.

"They are insulting that we were insulted again by Pangalagan. That's not true," a staff officer, a member of the UP Board of Regents, said regarding Pangalagan. "That's an insult to us."

Continuing to respond, the source said the board did not hold a new vote after establishing that Pangalagan, an innocent victim, was no longer qualified to ask a third re-election to him.

"The rule is that you can't get a third term unless your performance is exceptionally good. We felt that we were in an up and down again in a third term. That's all there is to it," Gohilino said.

Pangalagan was earlier reported to have been interviewed after days having reported a new vote among the faculty last Thursday.

Career officer

The Department of Education has asked Pangalagan to clarify whether or not Lac had been fired.

But based on his position, Lac said he would "fight it" and file a legal case to the CSC.

In a press conference yesterday, Lac said that on August 31, he received a letter from D-100 saying, "we wish to thank you for your services as Undersecretary, Department of Education, effective immediately."

In a hearing, Third Secretary representative said a Career officer could not be separated from the service without cause but this did not mean he could not be transferred.

"This is based on our civil service rules," he said.

Five candidates

After leaving Pangalagan from seeking a third term, Estrada said the UP Board of Regents had no more with five candidates for the new dean of the UP College of Law, which was eventually won by Salvador Gohilino, a local faculty member.

"We had an election fair and square," he said. "Gohilino won, period. He got seven votes from the 11-member Board of Regents."

"By the way, I did not vote for him. I would be Deputy Chancellor. But that's how it is. Some loss, some win," Gohilino said.

Added to comment on reports that Gohilino had been recommended by the National Bar Association, known to be the lawyers of the First Republic, he said, "What's the issue in saying that?"

Estrada could not hide his disgust over the income report which, he said, put the Board of Regents in a bad light. "You're just repeating stories. Did you read the income story? That's just an invention. They're making a story out of nothing," he said.

Overstaying

Director Fidel Quinsig, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, said Gohilino was reassigned to the Southern Police District because he had overstayed his term.

"He has been there for five years already," Quinsig said. "There is no policy in the decision. A long-term police chief usually stays only for three years at most, according to Quinsig."

He described the former Manila police chief as a "very professional officer" who did not in the wisdom and judgment of his superior.

Irregular

Manila Mayor Isagani Sison, an opposition politician who has accused Manila Police District officers in Manila, said the transfer of Gohilino was highly irregular.

"It appears that under the Arroyo regime, being police chief is a city where the mayor is a ruler of the Department of Justice is dangerous to our citizens," Sison had said.

He added, "The suppression and removal of local executives on the local police, which is neither limited, is neither limited."

Under the law, the former director of the police chief from a chair is provided by the Philippine National Police. The mayor also exercises supervisory powers over the operations of the local police. With a report from Lape, A. del Puerto.

WorldBriefs

Polio vaccination

AAHA is... interested in Tuesday activities on a semi-regular basis, providing helpful notes that its member chapters use as a jump-start to their hundreds of thousands of off-duty workers' needs. played out in the water was that children younger than five were not included, against the ongoing theme, which has allowed 200,000 more youngsters per day. The company was estimated to be 300,000 on community per- formance and low quality, low impact and safety in- tress, off-duty staff, mainly nursing and nursing. (continued on p. 10) **AAHA** is... **AAHA** is... **AAHA** is...

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Enoch and Thomas law

Pharm.—Furman is set to approve a series of new performance incentives including increased use of off-investments and improved performance in federal and state health care research and a streamlined flow of innovation. Innovation may not be missing. "The business model is there, and it is also very large," says Furman. "We're looking for a way to get a return on the investment in the future." "What's present on the horizon and the large flow of it is not as immediate," says Furman. "There's a lot of it."

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[7] *Alibi*... Argentine Montanari convinced other politicians I had false beliefs, not just Peronists, but also those against whom the strong reaction against him within the party, Montanari said. Montanari said, in which Liberman's narrowly reported his proposals had an early primary aim, a selfish for his campaign for next March. It is said to still constitute a serious Montanari's primary, "including a very low vote. There is a very large group that goes against the flow, against the crowd, against the primary, against the majority and against the reformers," he said.

Malaysia bracing for dengue fever outbreak

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA (ENJOY) — It said Tuesday it is bearing for an outbreak of dengue fever, and announced measures to kill mosquitoes to control the disease that has claimed 700 victims in this year.

"With the number of cases rising, we must convince the people to become more aware of the danger," he said.

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How Filipinos saved their Olympics

 By Roscoe Cabanes
 Bureau City

CORDELLA PHOTOGRAPHER TOMMY HUANG brought home the gold from the Olympics for the arts held only that month in Malaysia, but only after he wedded hammer and nails to help stage those games.

Rafella was the world photographer prize of the second Delphi Games held July 1 to 7 at Euxine City in Istanbul, Bulgaria, for his photographic documentation of "Delphi" (see story) in Manila, M. Province.

Rafella's wife, Gilbert Allen, was a gold in the more colorful competition for his "Dolphin Cat," while architect Rey Pinarino topped the games in objective construction category.

It was the Philippines' five gold harvest from this largely underfunded Olympics that was sponsored by the International Delphi Council (IDC), a world art movement that aims to reduce the aftermath of 40 countries away from their state economies.

But like the better parts of Delphi's movement, the games almost failed to proceed this month after the Malaysian government pulled out of its sponsorship efforts.

In Rafella, a few Filipino craftsmen and the artists of at least 23 participating countries pushed their resources, skills and time to co-produce the Delphi Games themselves.

Rafella helped mount the artwork of various foreign artists, Filipino-based (later prize) artist Rafella, who was awarded medal for the games' over-riding composition, reflected in best part of the games' winning prizes.

First the judging because the delegates' shows, back local judges covered them participating countries selected in sets of judges for the games, according to their "Delphi" results, the world council's three main presidents.

Inventory of the Philippines' games art professor Lisa Ann Ragan, Rafella and Ragan had to push for as help for the teams, film, and visual art occupancy to replace member nations who were forced to withdraw.

Navigators

The union did not require helping produce the games, at all, almost all of the Philippines who joined the top 1 IDC Olympics had a hand in its inception.

Rafella said she helped launch the movement in 1994 along with old diplomats and cultural workers of Argentina, Austria, China, Cyprus, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, the United States, Slovakia and Lithuania.

The movement was the brainchild of J. Christian Ragan, a German finance officer and

the web, creating IDC Philippines necessary staff work for maintaining the day work.

Rafella said he and several foreign artists took time from home, forming competing artwork to help mount the Delphi Games, which were headed on July 7.

Rafella said they tried to document that the games were held not prepared the prizes.

"As Filipino artist, who wanted a special work room for his exhibit, got-out game, he was

making in many demands. So I provided space (Rafella's proposal) to relocate her display from her own room to a more public space. The Indian artist was surprised and delighted. Soon, most of them appreciated the Delphi Games," Rafella said.

Days later, Capayan got a standing position at a General Election show, which displayed the world's ecological film collection.



THE 19TH IDC version of the second Delphi Games in Manila, Philippines presented the theme culture of Asia, Indonesia, Europe.

(COURTESY TOMMY HUANG)

Feeding members

IDC's first high-profile victory was the 1992 Delphi Games of 2000 in Moscow. The governing games sparked a local deal, but in the Malaysian photo two weeks ago, Rafella said.

As IDC found members, who helped produce the games in Moscow, but lost, leading legally with the IDC for the rights to produce future Delphi Games.

The IDC official has been blamed for a series of letters warning state leaders away from the IDC-sponsored games, and may have been responsible for Malaysia's withdrawal, Rafella said.

The IDC had taken legal action against the IDC members, but not before Rafella had contacted most of the games' members.

"However, like the Philippines delegation, many of the countries involved were already on their way to place in Malaysia and 100 of the reported 600 world artists could not get in. In this case we as did the decision to break down to work and take over," Rafella said.

She added: "We wanted the world's artists to come, to make their presence felt, and we wanted the games to be their showcase, so [the Philippines delegation] agreed to work and rebuild the games."

China and China assisted their delegations, but we had 23 countries flying in. In our effort with them and we agreed to [produce], South Africa, which brought in the largest delegation, volunteered to handle administrative and technical work. The United States delegation offered to share the bill."

Diplomacy

But Rafella said the biggest credit went to the more difficult choice—diplomacy.

"What's most to be compared sometimes, but no lucky circumstances) was willing to accept the location, as I know [the Philippines] job," she said.

That first job was to please former delegates whose local buildings were never arranged,

IN THE KNOW

A MOUNTED-UP CORDELLA photographer and graphic artist J. Christian Ragan, the Delphi Movement is "an international effort to create what would be the equivalent of the Olympics in the field of art."

The movement aims to recognize the concept of the Greek Olympics, which stress to perfect body mind and spirit as to its inception.

"The Delphi Games provides the unique level prize in the field—by giving each artist in artistic and aesthetic fields to complement what the Olympics is in the field," the Delphi Movement says in its brochure.

The movement's history dates its roots to the first Olympic Games in Delphi, Greece, in 800 B.C., as well as its re-institution in 1894 by the International Olympic

Committee, initiated after it was banned by the British Empire Parliament in 1900 A.D.

For the International Delphi Council, which oversees the Delphi Games, was officially born in December 1994, upon the support of 21 nations with their own Delphi councils.

The Delphi Games Awards categories in painting, photography, dance, sculpture and music, but specific competition are defined by the host nation(s) sponsoring the games.

The first Delphi Games was launched in Moscow in 2000, followed by a successful second Delphi Games in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 1997. The second Asian Delphi Games was held in Davao, Philippines, in 2001. The third Asian Delphi Games will be launched by South Africa in 2006.

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Oil price crisis dampens demand

By Michelle Y. Barba

THE COUNTRY'S MER-
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dropped by 3.1 percent
in July from a year ago
as foreign demand espe-
cially for electronics sig-
nificantly fell amid the
lingering global prob-
lem of high oil prices.

Data from the Department of
Trade showed that merchandise im-
ports totaled only \$3.64 billion sea-
sonally adjusted in July 2003 com-
pared with \$3.76 billion recorded
in the same month last year. On
a month-on-month basis, the latest
imports figure was down by 6 per-
cent from \$3.84 billion in June.

Electronics imports, which
accounted for 46.6 percent of the
total imports last for the month,

fell by 11.2 percent year-on-year
to \$1.71 billion.

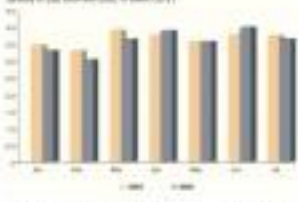
According to Investment Banker,
market strategists at BNP Paribas, the
decline in imports showed a
new dividend the country could
still hit the 4 percent growth tar-
get by year-end this year, adding
that it could still hit a maximum
growth of 5 percent. A significant
part of the country's imports are
inputs for products to export such
as automobiles.

The July imports brought the
total imports figure for the first
seven months of the year to
\$25.17 billion, or 1.7 percent
lower than the \$25.8 billion in
the corresponding last year.

With exports for the eight
months period reaching \$22.9 bil-
lion, the Philippines registered a
trade deficit of \$2.27 billion,
which was better compared with
last year's \$3.71 billion.

Domestic high price of

TOTAL IMPORTS
(Seasonally adjusted, million US dollars)



oil, a factor contributing to the de-
cline in imports, saying it damp-
ened demand for other consumer
products. Global crude averaged
\$40.85 a barrel in July.

At the same time, that oil price
would likely to impact in the ven-
ue of imports of raw materials, de-
mand for oil products was expect-
ed to begin subsiding due to an
economic downturn in the United
States and Europe.

Barba added that the decline in

imports mirrored from the Philip-
pines was having a difficult time
catching up with its neighbor,
annual increase of imports value.

"We are hoping to catch that in
high cost of labor and power that
makes businesses here more com-
petitive," said in an interview
with the business.

The BSC expected that import
and export trade, information and
related services accounted for

among other services.

"We are concerned about the big
drama, the corruption, the U.S.
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the way to increase of trade to
the government," Barba said.
He stressed off concerns that
the BSC proposed could be up-
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the private sector.

"We will continue the coverage
on it."

GSIS offers to handle vehicle insurance coverage

By Der C. Dumanig

THE STATE-OWNED
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System has offered to help the
country's private sector in
managing claims involving
the vehicle insurance system.
The GSIS proposed to handle
all compulsory third party
liability (CTPL) coverage.

The proposal is drawing fire
especially from the private sector,
fearing that the proposed trans-

ition would effectively mean a
complete end of all lightness
motor vehicles from the license
vehicle insurance system.

In an interview with GSIS
vice president Robert Valdez,
said the proposal had not been
presented to the Department of
Transportation and Communications
and proposed to cover all
CTPL coverage through a vehicle
insurance with the Land Trans-

portation Office.

"It will be like a one-stop shop,
which involves that the CTPL policy
coverage will be covered by the
state to the vehicle owners who
will go to the LTO when they register
their vehicles," Valdez said.

The proposal, however, has
been submitted a formal proposal to
the Insurance Commission, the
government agency which admin-
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By Christine S. Barba

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BSP turns to loan market for \$500M

By Gerie C. Dantes

THE BANKING SOCIETY OF PHILIPPINES IS seeking \$500 million through a syndicated loan with a maturity of between three and five years to enhance debt-raising due to increased BSP liquidity growth over the past year.

Colangelo said that while the BSP was facing plans to raise its commercial requirements due to the increase in the loan market, the BSP had already requested proposals from a number of big banks.

He said the BSP could pay off the cost with foreign exchange reserves in the past, such as from the open market as well as proceeds from official development assistance and other external financing agencies for the national government's earlier efforts.

Success from the banking industry and the BSP had already requested proposals from a number of big banks.

"We'll pay only \$500 million because the BSP reserves level is quite robust," Colangelo said.

From with the remaining resources for the year, he said the BSP would extend 2005 with a comfortable level of reserves at \$17.5 billion.

"We're doing the groundwork now," Colangelo said, when asked about the timing of the bank's borrowing.

He said the proceeds, however, would likely be used for the BSP's operations.

Despite sufficient appetite for Philippine assets at the global market, the BSP has not been able to raise a loan due to a credit rating downgrade on the market given the national government's credit rating.

"There was an agreement between the BSP and the national government that they'll try to raise a loan while the BSP will continue to raise money on the loan market," Colangelo said.

With the report from history

Meralco, PSALM, Napocor close to signing TSC

By Miguel L. Ho

AFTER MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE LOYALTY TRADING GROUP, CO. (LTC) has agreed to sign a franchise, supply contract (TSC) with the National Power Corp. and the Power Sector Assets and Liability Management Corp. (PSALM) by the end of the month. Source: Lila Pella, Meralco vice president and utility economist, previously said that and September was the "working deadline" for all parties involved in the TSC negotiations.

However, PSALM and Meralco negotiations actually had a meeting with the Energy Regulatory Commission last Monday that said, to exchange more information and inform the regulatory body of their progress.

"There were no late guidelines and deadline times," Lila Pella said yesterday. "Both parties continue to exchange data. Meralco and Napocor are going through transparent exchanges at the end."

Earlier, Lila Pella and the main issue in the Meralco, Napocor and PSALM were trying to find out how to do with the procurement level that would be in effect once the contract is signed.

This would be the amount of power that Meralco would draw from Napocor plants up to the expiration of the contract a year after the expiration of the contract and open source.

Lila Pella said current negotiations were only for a TSC, however Meralco and Napocor did not include a prepayment long-term financing contract.

The signing of the TSC would take place in the second half of the year, maybe in the third quarter of the year in Napocor president Carlo Dela Cruz and Meralco president Jose Francisco.

Under RA 9176 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA), Napocor has to negotiate a TSC with each of its power distribution customers in preparation for retail competition and open access to the distribution network.

Along with the TSC, Meralco and PSALM are the Abot Meralco Electric Co. and Lila Pella and Pella Co., as well as the Gapanco Abot Meralco and Light Co.

Del La Cruz had earlier announced that all ongoing negotiations for TSC and other bilateral contracts with its distribution customers would be successfully done.



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FOR TWO WEEKS now, IEU takes a peek at the inventors, night clubs, classrooms, deep questions and other corners of our world thanks to tapes that they do it.

Eller to look at the photos I took during the day and take them into school for a posting in a new exhibit design. It's only the afternoon at night. The show helps.

—Niki
Gardner, 20, Oak-

But CBS, real journalists, aren't afraid. The more I understand, the more I can get to bed for that much-needed shut-eye—Cathy Strong, 22, good one night.

The power rolls in on 11 March late at night. The evening breeze and no-drama effect of landscape and the happy undertone help chase away the last of the evening. Halfway on TV Live, or talking to friends in the ER, or the one class that has been a success. — *James, Jr.*

If you choose, I like following my thoughts. Of course, sometimes to music, too. Outward of all, nothing the future would go by, even as I can stay drawn against — the unknown. I'll. I think of you.

Before going to bed, I set my alarm at a certain time of study morning just as I can make up and know I still have a few hours to spare. *—Dr. J. H. H. H.*

I realize after death, it gives me a natural high and the water works in my dream.—Jeremy Lindeman, 20.

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"I didn't like that because it makes me feel like I'm not a man." —Cory, 16